

Weather

Warmer early Wednesday night; snow flurries, windy, and colder Thursday.

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GERMANS SCORE MAJOR PENETRATIONS

Old Fashioned Christmas Planned for Yanks

4,500 TREE AND TRIMMING KITS SENT OVERSEAS

Gift Boxes Prepared For Men Serving In Four Corners Of World

RED CROSS TAKES LEAD

Children In France, Italy Britain To Receive 200,000 Packages

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20—Every effort is being made today to provide an "old-fashioned" Christmas next Monday for servicemen overseas while the women and children back home are doing their bit by accepting the ersatz article.

Red Cross clubs will provide overseas installations with all the Christmas trimmings; trees with packaged powdered silver and gold paint, red cold-water dye, bells, icicles, construction paper, red and green crepe paper, Christmas records and presents.

Approximately 4,500 Christmas kits with these trimmings and additional working materials for an authentic Christmas reconstruction have been sent to overseas Red Cross workers supplemented by 500 kits containing favors, decorated ice cream spoons, table centerpieces, Christmas cards and 500,000 Christmas menu covers. Children in Great Britain, France and Italy, among other countries, will receive 200,000 packages of small chocolate candies packed in four-ounce cellophane bags as well as 150,000 gift boxes containing games, school materials and sewing equipment.

Gifts For Yanks
Gift boxes to the men themselves include cigarettes, candy, gum, one of the "pocket-book" editions of popular books, post cards, identification folders, mirrors and memo books with calendars.

By parachute and dog sled packages will be dispatched to fighting men who would otherwise be isolated at Christmas. The Red Cross has found that such improvised Christmas trimmings as ping-pong balls frosted with epsom salt and cotton and gauze snowballs re-create Christmas in even the most desolate of stations.

For the people back home, meanwhile, the picture for this (Continued on Page Two)

GERMAN PARACHUTISTS IN FRANCE, PARIS SAYS

PARIS, Dec. 20—Newspapers in Paris reported today that a single German plane had dropped Nazi parachutists "in the center of France." Some of the German paratroopers were said to have been captured.

OUR WEATHER MAN



LOCAL WEATHER REPORT

High Tuesday, 24.
Year Ago, 46.
Low Wednesday, 10.
Year Ago, 21.
Snowfall, trace.
River Stage, 2.05.

TEMPERATURES ELSEWHERE

	High	Low
Akron, O.	18	8
Albany, N. Y.	20	10
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Bismarck, N. Dak.	23	11
Buffalo, N. Y.	24	6
Burbank, Calif.	25	45
Chicago, Ill.	25	5
Cincinnati, O.	27	15
Cleveland, O.	19	10
Dayton, O.	21	8
Denver, Colo.	57	27
Detroit, Mich.	22	12
Duluth, Minn.	24	9
Fort Worth, Tex.	67	34
Huntington, W. Va.	27	15
Indianapolis, Ind.	24	9
Kansas City, Mo.	28	24
Louisville, Ky.	23	20
Miami, Fla.	76	60
Minneapolis, Minn.	29	14
New Orleans, La.	54	40
New York, N. Y.	23	19
Oklahoma City, Okla.	63	34
Pittsburgh, Pa.	20	8
Toledo, O.	21	5
Washington, D. C.	21	24

BLOODY STREET SCENE IN ATHENS



SHOUTING ANGRILY, waving fists and pointing to the bodies of dead comrades, one of whom is a woman, these sympathizers with the Greek EAM civil uprisings in Athens vow vengeance. (International)

Secret Undertakings Believed To Be Behind Franco-Russ Alliance

PARIS, Dec. 20—A strong belief was held today by informed diplomatic circles in Paris that a series of secret understandings lies behind the recently-signed Franco-Soviet alliance.

These sources believe that Gen. Charles De Gaulle agreed to support Russia's plans for Poland and Premier Joseph V. Stalin, in return, agreed that France will dominate the Rhineland permanently.

Stalin also is believed to have promised substantial economic aid toward France's post-war recovery, even to the extent of lending Soviet gold to support the franc.

FAMED CHARTER LOSS DENIED; NEVER EXISTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20—Reports that the Atlantic Charter had been lost were ended today because there was no charter to lose.

This was explained by President Roosevelt who told a news conference there has never been any such thing as a formal document known as the Atlantic Charter.

The President said the Atlantic Charter was the name given to the agreement he made with Prime Minister Winston Churchill at their meetings aboard the American cruiser Augusta and British battleship Prince of Wales off the coast of Newfoundland in August, 1941.

Those agreements, he said, never were put into writing, although other United Nations have joined the United States and Great Britain in the agreements since that time.

There was a series of conferences aboard the two warships, he explained, and the charter agreements were scribbled out by himself, Churchill, Sumner Welles, then undersecretary of state and other British-American aides.

The notes were put together in a full agreement, Mr. Roosevelt said, and that was flashed out to Washington and London by the warships' radio operators.

Beyond that, however, no formal document ever was drafted for signatures by the two heads of states, he said, unlike such notable documents as the Declaration of Independence or the Magna Charta.

SUPERFORTS HIT TOKYO AGAIN, JAPANESE SAY

LONDON, Dec. 20—A new raid on Tokyo by Saipan-based Superfortresses last night was reported in a Tokyo dispatch today to the German Transoceanic Agency.

The agency added that incendiary bombs were dropped and caused fires which were soon put out.

CHURCHILL SAYS BIG THREE IN GENERAL ACCORD

General Aims All Alike, But Discord Over Some Aspects

COOPERATION CLAIMED

Commons Told Burden Of Greece Has Fallen On British Empire

LONDON, Dec. 20—Prime Minister Winston Churchill faced the house of commons on the Greek question again today and assured them that Russia, Great Britain and the United States were in "entire agreement upon the general aims which bind our alliance."

However when the premier was pressed for assurance of that cooperation he replied that "there is complete cooperation but whether there is complete agreement on every aspect is a different question."

When the question of Greece was raised by Daniel Lipson, an independent, Churchill added that the burden of attending to the troubles in Greece had fallen on Britain.

Eden Questioned

Foreign Minister Anthony Eden also was questioned by commons and asked specifically whether the Greek right-wing EDES party had surrendered its arms.

Eden replied that before the date agreed on by all the guerrilla forces, including the ELAS left-wing militia as well as the EDES, the present disturbances in Athens had broken out and "unhappily therefore, the agreement was broken."

"You surely can see the position," Eden added, saying that the disturbances which broke out before the agreed date of Dec. 10 made it necessary to make another agreement.

Criticism Admitted

Churchill acknowledged the criticism of British policies in Greece. Continuing his address to the commons the prime minister said "we have not been able so far to discharge this task without criticism even here at home—which has added to our difficulties."

"I have not the slightest doubt that complete and effective cooperation (between Britain, the U. S. and Russia) will go on in all aspects of the war," Churchill added. "We had a certain task thrown upon us and we are discharging it to the best of our ability."

HITLER DOUBTED AS "BRAINS" OF GERMAN DRIVE

PARIS, Dec. 20—An American Army spokesman along the German battle front reiterated belief today that Hitler no longer guides the action of the German army.

Nazi Field Marshal Karl Gerd von Rundstedt, he said, appears to be in full control on the Western Front, with Field Marshal Walther von Model handling the Army group which staged the current offensive against the United States First Army.

While German flying bomb activity over the rear areas held by the American sharply increased, front dispatches said, some Nazis parachutists dropped at the start of the counter-offensive still were skulking in the rear.

German troops taken prisoner on the Sixth Army group front reported meanwhile that German Gestapo Field Heinrich Himmler personally has taken over command of operations in the Alsatian battle area in the vicinity of the Colmar pocket, directing a resistance "to death" by all Nazi troops fighting the French First Army.

DR. CASE DIES

CLEVELAND, Dec. 20—Dr. Eckstein Case, for 50 years secretary-treasurer of the Case School of Applied Science in Cleveland, died at his home early today after a long illness. He was 86.

A SOLDIER COMES HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



WORDS AREN'T NECESSARY to tell the story of the photo above, which could have been taken at any transportation depot throughout the country. At the Union station in Washington, D. C., he drops his barracks bag along with his holiday gifts to embrace his wife, while "junior" clutches at his khaki-trousered leg. It all means—a GI Joe is home for Christmas! (International Soundphoto)

78TH CONGRESS ENTERS HISTORY

Session Ends After Solons Rally Behind FDR And Approve Appointees

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20—The 78th congress — second war congress in the present world conflict—passed into history today. Members hurried home for Christmas. Most of them survived the November election and will return for the 79th congress which opens Jan. 3.

The congress faded out in a night session of the senate after it had rallied behind President Roosevelt and voted approval of nominations of six men for key positions in a reorganized state department.

The 400 million dollar post-war rivers and harbors bill failed under threat of a filibuster. One of the last acts of the senate was to pass a bill to revoke the action of Mr. Roosevelt in establishing the Jackson hole national monument in Wyoming.

Wage Boost Denied

An effort to pass the O'Brien house-approved bill increasing basic salaries of postal employees \$400 a year was blocked. The senate adjourned at 8:22 p. m. for lack of a quorum as Sen. Mead (D) N. Y., tried to force a vote on the bill.

The house passed out quietly. Its work had been done for days, and Speaker Sam Rayburn had already left for his home in Texas. The senate, however, wrangled into the night over legislation after it had approved the state department nominations.

Grim warnings of chaos in international relations resounded in the senate during debate on the state department appointees. The senate confirmed the following: To be undersecretary of state, Joseph C. Grew; to be assistant secretaries, Nelson A. Rockefeller, William L. Clayton, James C. Dunn, (Continued on Page Two)

MERCURY DROPS TO 10, LOWEST MARK OF YEAR

Coldest weather of the season visited Circleville Wednesday. A new low mark was recorded when the official thermometer dropped to 10 degrees above zero, Weather Observer Roy Hawkes reported. Previous low was 13 reported on December 3 and equalled December 15.

Tuesday's high temperature was 24, making the day one of the coldest of the winter. A trace of snowfall was recorded.

17,000,000 FAGS GO UP IN SMOKE OF TRAIN WRECK

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20—Several thousand cigaret smokers in Oregon and Washington were distressed today over a train wreck at Gold Creek, Mont.

For something like 17,000,000 cigarettes burned up in the wreck. The fags, valued at \$105,000 wholesale or \$120,000 retail, were on the way for distribution throughout Oregon and in several Washington cities. The San Francisco office of the cigaret company offered to send a truck-load to Portland to help meet the shortage, made more acute by the wreck.

SONG WRITER FACING CHARGE OF BAD CHECKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 20—Songwriter Walter Donaldson, composer of such hit tunes as "My Blue Heaven," and "My Buddy," was freed today on \$1,000 bail after being charged with issuing worthless checks.

The complaints charged him with having issued \$169 in fictitious checks in cocktail lounges.

LEYTE CONQUEST BELIEVED NEAR

Fall Of Valencia Forges Ring Of Death About Jap Defenders

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINES, Dec. 20—Complete conquest of Leyte island appeared imminent today in the wake of capture of the strategic town of Valencia in the north-western sector of the island and consequent entrapment of the last organized Jap pockets of resistance.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced capture of the town which formerly was the site of Jap imperial army headquarters and also revealed that the Valencia air-drome which was previously reported seized has been put into use by American airplanes.

The Valencia airstrip was captured in good condition and is being used mainly by Piper Cub (Continued on Page Two)

Huns Shoot Helpless American Prisoners, Eyewitnesses Declare

WITH THE U. S. FIRST ARMY, 12:30 P. M., EWT., Dec. 19—(Delayed)—According to eyewitness accounts, German tank columns engaged in the current offensive are ruthlessly shooting groups of helpless American prisoners with machine-guns which seems to suggest that to expedite their push they may not be taking prisoners.

One such confirmed account of German tanks turning their guns on, and wiping out 150 American artillery men and medical personnel who surrendered in the vicinity of Monschau Sunday, was told by a soldier who escaped.

Another account also given by a participant said that only a few miles from the scene of the first atrocity where 150 American prisoners were killed, a second ruthless slaying of helpless prisoners took place under equally shocking conditions.

Each time a Nazi officer ordered the prisoners to be taken to an open field where, after being searched, they were told to hold their hands above their heads. Suddenly tank machine-guns would throw lead up and down their lines until all were lying on the ground.

Then the bloody, screaming American soldiers lying on the ground were further shot by individual Germans who were seeking to make sure that their death was final.

The eyewitness stated:

On December 17th our battery field artillery encountered German tanks on the road and they were also fired at from the sides of the road.

"We sought cover, but ultimately were taken prisoners when the men—some 140—were robbed of their cigarettes and valuables and then ordered into a field with their hands up."

"Suddenly a single shot was fired against us, then tank machine-guns opened up, firing until all of us were prostrate. The shooting continued into the pile of wounded and dead lying on the ground."

"I and others feigned death and during a lull ran to the woods where some 15 of us managed to get away."

Other Americans had practically the same experience in a different area.

SOME AMERICAN UNITS CUT OFF BY OFFENSIVE

Situation On Fifth Day Of Push Continues To Be Serious

DRIVE SLOWED GREATLY

Part Lifting Of News Blackout Confirms Big Hun Gains

BULLETIN

UNITED STATES FIRST ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Dec. 20—A senior Allied staff officer declared today that "things look better now" and asserted that "handled properly, the war can be won right here."

He warned, however, that the German offensive still was mounting in fury and has not yet reached its climax.

By International News Service

Reinforced First Army tank and infantrymen battled doggedly under a swirling blanket of fog today to turn back the now-slowed German offensive which Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's spokesmen conceded has scored major penetrations of their lines.

Frontline dispatches reported the do-or-die enemy drive has been slowed greatly, although supreme headquarters spokesmen, partly lifting their news blackout, admitted some American units were cut off in the Germans' 20-mile push into Stavelot, Belgium.

The British radio, quoting front dispatches, said that in the Monschau sector, veteran Yank infantrymen "stopped the German drive after repelling at least six attacks." The announcer declared that it is believed that the enemy may be driving now for the Ardennes mountains.

Situation Serious

On the Ninth Army front, however, a correspondent said the German wedge hammered into American lines in Belgium and Luxembourg is regarded as serious. The correspondent quoted a captured Nazi as saying the Wehrmacht planned to reach Antwerp in five days.

Frank Conniff, International News correspondent at the Western Front, said that improvement in the situation had been shown in some sectors, but the situation on the fifth day of the big Nazi push continues to be serious.

Allied supreme headquarters confirmed officially that the Germans had effected a "few major penetrations in our lines" and that one powerful enemy column, launching its drive from Honsfeld in Germany had reached Stavelot, Belgium, which is five miles southwest of Malmady.

20 Mile Advance

This confirmed previous reports that one Nazi column had advanced 20 miles from its launching base. The Nazis also were disclosed to have driven another column westward to the region of St. Vith 10 miles southeast of Stavelot.

The headquarters report said that the action which marked the German advance to Stavelot was the longest penetration made by the German offensive. However, this was the situation as of Monday noon. For security reasons there has been no official announcement of subsequent action.

However there was a growing feeling that the German offensive, (Continued on Page Two)

STOCKHOLM SAYS HITLER AGAIN ESCAPES KILLER

LONDON, Dec. 20 — The News Chronicle today quoted a rumor published in the Stockholm Aftonblad that a new attempt had been made against the life of Adolf Hitler.

The Stockholm paper said the rumor was based on a mysterious fire at Plessheim castle in Bavaria where Hitler was known to have lived for some time and believed to have made his headquarters.

There were reports that Elite Guard (SS) troops had surrounded the entire Plessheim district and cut it off from all communication with the outside world.

4,500 TREE AND TRIMMING KITS SENT OVERSEAS

Gift Boxes Prepared For Men Serving In Four Corners Of World

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third wartime Christmas since Pearl Harbor is this:

Children's toys are limited in quantity and uninteresting on the whole. Rumors of a black market in toys have sprung up to mar the Christmas season.

A limited number of picture books, wooden substitutes for the metal toys of other years and a shortage of Christmas candles will take the place of other, lavish Christmas for the junior population. Christmas trees are expensive and even Santa Claus are few so that many children will feel cheated by the great day. Lights and regular decorations are also few.

Even the children's toys will be limited to keep the war in the forefront of their thinking because the wooden toys which are available are mostly tanks, ship models and planes.

LAURELVILLE

The United Brethren Missionary society met Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Strous. The families were invited. A covered dish lunch was served to 18 members and guests.

Mrs. May Archer was hostess to her bridge club Tuesday evening at her home. High score, Mrs. Charles Grattidge; second, Mrs. Charles Lappen; guest prize, Mrs. John Sakola. Others present were: Mrs. Frank Cox, Mrs. Ruby McClelland, Mrs. George Swepston, Mrs. Clara Reichelderfer. Guest players were Mrs. Edgar Kelley and Mrs. George Wharton.

The United Brethren Ladies' Aid met at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Lutz Thursday. In absence of president, Mrs. Della Haynes, was in charge of the meeting. Rev. Mr. Lutz led prayer and the 23rd Psalm was repeated in unison.

They exchanged gifts and had Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. A covered dish lunch was served to 19 members and 11 guests.

Mr. and Mrs. McDaniel and son, Larry, of Athens, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Jinks.

Jimmy Wilson of the Marines, who spent the last three years in the South Pacific, is spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McFadden.

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hockman, Mrs. Grace Pierce, Mrs. Orland DeLong and Mrs. Ray Poling attended a "Crusade for Christ" meeting Sunday afternoon at the First Methodist church of Circleville.

Howard Egan visited Tuesday with his uncle, George Egan, at Grant hospital, Columbus. Mr. Egan was operated on Monday for goiter.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Huggins and children, Robert, Stanley and Richard, were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Kalksdorf, of Logan.

Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Victoria Barclay and Mrs. Nell Westfall were: Elder Hanover, of Ashville, Mrs. Tressa Haynes, Miss Della Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Durant and Mr. and Mrs. George Hartsough.

Mrs. George Wharton, of Columbus, spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. George Swepston.

Mr. and Mrs. Gay Kruger spent Thursday until Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kruger, of McArthur.

MARKETS

Cash quotations made to farmers in Circleville:

Cash, Premium	47
Cash, Regular	44
Eggs	44

POULTRY

Heavy Springers	28
Leghorn Hens	25
Heavy Hens	23
Old Roosters	12

Wheat

No. 2 Yellow Corn	1.52
No. 2 White Corn	1.50
Soybeans	2.05

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Santa Paying Early Visit To Employees Of Firms In Circleville

Santa Claus is slated to pay an early visit to employees of four local plants.

Christmas plans for employees of the Silix company, Container Corporation of America, Ralston-Purina company and John W. Eshelman and Sons were announced Wednesday by officials of the companies.

First round of Christmas events at Memorial Hall will be the Container Corporation Christmas party Thursday night. The program opens at 6 p. m. with a Christmas dinner. A variety show will follow the dinner with roud and square dancing scheduled for 9 to 12 p. m. to the music of the Casa Ray orchestra. A turkey will be given to each employee for his Christmas dinner. These are to be distributed at the plant Friday afternoon.

Rub-a-Tub



ON THEIR WAY to gladden the heart of every housewife are bright new metal wash tubs, the first in two years from the American Can company's plant in Atlanta, Ga., which has been shut down due to metal restrictions affecting this product. The worker above is "seaming" bottom of tub.

CONCERT TO BE GIVEN FRIDAY AT PICKAWAY

A Christmas concert will be presented at 12:45 p. m. Friday by the musical organizations of Pickaway township school.

The program includes Christmas carols by the orchestra under the direction of Miss Vera Zaenglein; numbers by the grade choruses and a Christmas cantata, "The Child of Bethlehem."

First, second and third grade chorus will sing "Jingle Bells," "Santa Land" and "Luther's Cradle Hymn." Other numbers are "O Little Town of Bethlehem," 7th and 8th grade girls ensemble; "First Noel," Silent Night, "Cantique de Noel," 4th, 5th and 6th grade chorus; "Good King Wenceslas," 7th grade boys ensemble; "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "Deck the Hall," "White Christmas," 7th and 8th grade chorus.

Soloists in the cantata are Rita Rhoads, Carolyn Wright and Nancy McGinnis. Rita Rhoads and Nancy McGinnis will sing duets. Accompanists will be Kathryn Morris, Marilyn Muller and Nancy McGinnis.

Director of the vocal portion of the program will be Glen Uhl.

CREWS ESCAPE AS WINGS OF FORTRESSES COLLIDE

Crew members of two B-17 Flying Fortresses escaped injury Tuesday when the planes had a wing-tip collision near Lockbourne Army Air Base. One ship was forced to make a crash landing in

GEN. PATTON AND LUCE AT FRONT



COMMANDER OF THE U. S. 3RD ARMY, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., bids farewell to Representative Clare Boothe Luce, a member of the House committee touring the European war areas, at his headquarters somewhere near the western front.

NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Private First Class Gardner E. Wilson, of the United States Marine Corps, arrived home Monday from the Central Pacific area where he had been in service for the last 15 months. He will spend a 30-day furlough, exclusive of travel time, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson, of South Bloomfield. He will celebrate his twentieth birthday anniversary Friday, December 22. At the end of his furlough, Pfc. Wilson will go to Cherry Point, N. C., for reassignment.

Eleanor L. Thomas, S 2/c, of the WAVES, has this as her new address: Naval Training School (Y. W.) O-1234, Cedar Falls, Ia. Seaman Thomas is the daughter of Mrs. Gladys Thomas, South Court street.

Ralph Miesse, Jr., 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miesse, 341 King street, Lancaster, was wounded in action December 2 while fighting with the 7th Army somewhere in France, the War department notified his parents by telegram Monday. Pvt. Miesse was attached to a unit of the 103rd Infantry Division, identified as an element of Lieutenant General Alexander Patch's Seventh Army. Pvt. Miesse is a cousin of Mrs. W. Emerson Downing, and Mack D. Parrett, of East Main street, and has visited frequently in their home.

GEORGE D. YOUNG PLAYS HEROIC ROLE IN BATTLE

A unit commanded by Capt. George D. Young, brother of Mrs. Richard Simkins, West Franklin street, and well known in Circleville where his parents formerly lived, figured in an episode on the Belgian front which won a bronze star for one of his staff, according to a news service writer on the western front.

According to the story told by the correspondent Capt. Young's unit is a combat engineers battalion. Serving as foot soldiers the unit made a gallant stand which slowed the current Nazi counter-attack into Belgium. With the First Army south of Monschau the engineers, sometimes outnumbered eight to one, held on to a cross road position until reinforcements could be brought up, and remained in the line for another half hour until the enemy attack had been blunted.

FLOYD E. HAMPP MISSING SINCE EARLY DECEMBER

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hampp, 403 East Franklin street, have been informed by the War department that their son, Private Floyd E. Hampp, 21, has been reported as missing in action in France since December 4. Pvt. Hampp, who was serving with the infantry, had

been overseas but two months. Mr. and Mrs. Hampp had received two letters from their son last week, the only mail from him since he had left this country. In these letters he mentioned having seen action.

STOUTSVILLE

Miss Betty Selmers, a nurse at Lancaster hospital, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Selmer, and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Creager, entertained at dinner Sunday for Mr. and Mrs. Gale Creager and daughter, Linda, of Columbus,

neaday with the former's mother, Mrs. Connie Frease, and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Christy. Thursday they left for their new home in Philadelphia, Pa.

Nellie Campbell, Ollie Delong, Sarah Stein and Gail Goldsberry, of Stoutsville.

Miss Betty Kocher spent from Wednesday until Thursday with her cousin, Miss Dona Conrad.

Miss Jean Fausnaugh, of Columbus, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Fausnaugh.

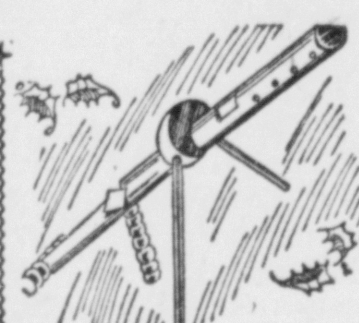
Miss Martha Drake, of Columbus, was the Sunday guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sach Drake.

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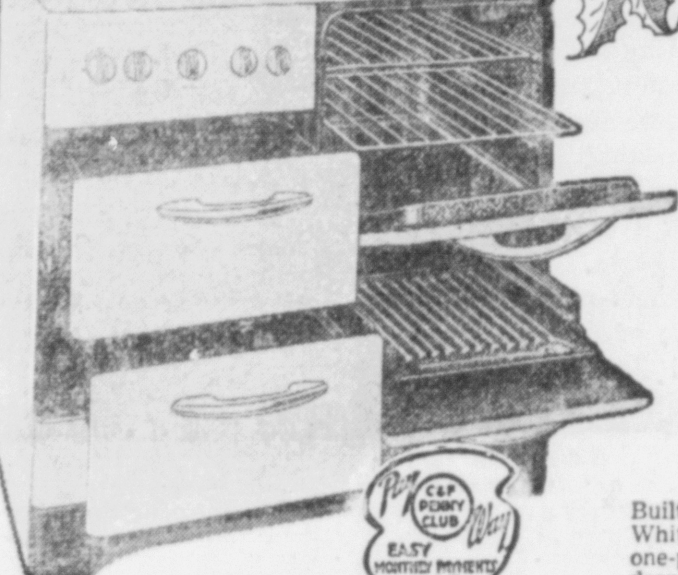


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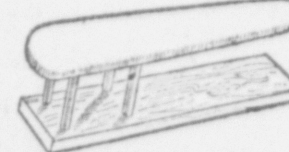
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THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



Ellis Cline GM 3/c, who is a member of the crew of a L. S. T., writes of meeting another sailor who formerly attended Lancaster St. Mary's, just before the Ashville - St. Mary's game. They each predicted a victory for his home team. Ellis like most other former Ashville boys would like to see some of the basketball games this winter. He inclosed a copy of a recent church service held aboard the ship. Although the boat has no regular chaplain, services are held regularly.

Ashville - County Supt. George McDowell visited the Ashville school Tuesday.

PFC. Eugene Wilson of the U. S. Marines is home on furlough after spending 15 months overseas in the Pacific area.

Ashville - Miss Geneva Partee is recovering from an appendicitis operation performed by Dr. Elliot Peters, Monday.

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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS
By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20—It is difficult for officials to say explicitly what caused the trouble in Greece, yet the inner evidence here plainly suggests the purpose of the revolt. It is reported through subterranean official avenues of communication (army men and senators have heard and believe it) that a Russian colonel was discovered among the revolutionists, giving them advice if not leading them. Also the firing began immediately after the prevailing Greek government had attempted to disband the guerilla forces in which the communists were a strong—and armed—element.

From these and dovetailing known facts, a general conclusion has arisen that the Communists were struggling to get control of the remaining Greek armed forces, and maintain their own arms. They were adequately represented in the government. Two Communists were in government seats of power, three other radicals favoring them had important posts. But they lacked control of the military.

Not more than 5 percent of the Greek electorate is Communist or radical. The bulk of the population is small farmer. Leftists, however, control the railway unions, the street railway employees and such small but highly organized city groups and they wield an influence far beyond their democratic power.

In Italy, the Communists were kept from cabinet posts where they might do the most damage. War, foreign affairs, education, aviation, treasury, etc. were filled by liberals, labor and Christian democrats. The Communists got a vice premiership, occupied territories, finance (distinct from treasury), and agriculture. In Yugoslavia, the Communists are taking everything, with Tito in control of the army, the Reds alongside him and Mihailovich retreating westward over the mountains of Bosnia.

Not much news has come from Rumania or Poland where both censorship and confusion are in operation. But the prevailing Communists have again excluded four of our officials from Bulgaria.

But do not these facts present in stark simplicity the problem of Europe, even including Belgium and France (De Gaulle having concluded a mutual assistance pact with Moscow, although Stalin did not follow out the earlier pacts of friendship when France was attacked, but maintained his August, 1939, agreement with Hitler until he, himself, was attacked June, 1941, after the fall of France, 1940).

The questions raised are: Is it possible to reach agreement with Communists on the division of democratic power? Does not the very nature of the Communist-radical cause prevent them from cooperating sincerely in democratic government? Is there not a new ray of light for democracy rising from these troubles? Would any country in Europe go Communist if the people were allowed an election free from the influences of Moscow as well as Britain? Are not the Communist-radicals merely highly organized small minorities? Are they really not getting from negotiation more power in their governments than a free election might provide them? But is it possible to hold an election free of Russian and British influence? If it is impossible must the world not fall back necessarily into spheres of influence with some for Russia, some for the British, some for us?

Certainly events are making the troublesome elements increasingly plain, and as long as people can see what the

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LAFF-A-DAY



“You’re late for dinner! Lucky I haven’t started cooking yet!”

DIET AND HEALTH

What It Means To Feel “Liverish”

By LOGAN CLENDENING, M.D.

IN PURSUIT of my plan to have classes for adults about the facts of life, and since adults need them more than children, because they have more facts of life wrong, I now take up the term “liverish.”

Dr. Clendening will answer questions of general interest only, and then only through his column.

This is the definition of a set of symptoms that about half your neighbors use when they want to describe a condition that consists of one-fourth headache, one-fourth loss of appetite, one-fourth constipation, and one-fourth being in a bad temper.

Blame Livers

All this they blame on their livers. As they describe how out of sorts they feel, they are likely to stick out their tongues so that you can see them, and tap with the middle finger of the right hand the place where they think the liver is.

The treatment of this condition is to take some pills that will start the liver to working. The fact that these pills are mostly cascara or aloes, and that all they do is stimulate the intestines to an evacuation, does not interfere with the beautiful theory that they have started the liver to working.

All of this is an injustice to a hard working and efficient bodily servant. The liver almost never goes wrong. Disease of the liver is so rare that it provokes comment in any clinic. The only even half-way common diseases of the liver are due to alcoholism (cirrhosis) and venereal disease, and secondary cancer lighting there from some other part of the body. In tropical climates amoebic abscess occurs, but this is not what the people who are “liverish” are complaining about.

Furthermore, the liver is very necessary to life. If your liver were really to go awry you would be sick indeed. An animal lives about four hours if the liver is removed.

A Storehouse

The liver is the great storehouse of the body. As you utilize energy your liver sends out glucose to the muscles, which is ethyl gasoline and makes your engine run. Sun-

shine acting on your skin forms vitamin D and this is stored in the liver, sent out on demand. We all know that liver extract is given people who have anemia, the mechanism being that the blood-forming material is manufactured in the stomach and sent to the liver for storage. It regulates growth and tissue replacement by its creation of protein. It stores histamine which regulates the size of the blood vessels of the skin, keeps the body temperature even.

A Useful Organ

So, all in all, the liver is quite a useful organ, and if it goes wrong one is likely to be really sick; not just a little headache and finicky in the appetite department.

And one of the most protective things about the liver is that its cells regenerate very promptly if destroyed, which is nature's acknowledgment of the fundamental importance of the liver and a form of self-protection. In the liver diseases, even of severe form, one can find that new liver cells and lobules have been formed, and they carry on the work of the liver, replacing the destroyed cells. When the really rare event occurs of all the liver cells being destroyed at once the result is calamitous indeed.

I am not saying that when a person tells you he feels “liverish” he is faking, or he has no reasons for such feelings.

The real truth is that it is usually his own fault. He has eaten something, or eaten too much, has been chain smoking, or chain drinking, has been worrying, or overworking. Admittedly he feels better after he takes the medicine which he thinks works on his liver, but that doesn't prove the causative factor was the liver.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

D. M.—What treatment is best for hemorrhoids?
Answer: Operation under local anesthesia is the most certain. But the ill effects can be controlled by suppositories containing astringents, such as ansool suppositories.

BUY WAR BONDS

STARS SAY—

For Wednesday, December 20

A MOST propitious time for the consideration of important changes, the consideration and engineering of new deals, contracts, agreements, propositions of major importance in which fresh ideas, plans and resources may find surprising support from those in influential places. Analyze and discuss these with candor and enthusiasm, but without inciting to quarrels or disagreements. Be careful as to legal aspects and entanglements. Also, shun wrangling or reckless conversations in all private relations.

If It Is Your Birthday

Those whose birthday it is may have an auspicious opening for new agreements, contacts or alliances during the year, largely because of novel, clever, progressive ideas or propositions, in which new resources and capital may be sought from those in influence and power. Seek such with confidence, but analyze and discuss with cool judgment and tact rather than verbal incitements to wrangling or disagreements. Have an eye to legal soundness and safety. As well preserve the same equanimity and graciousness in domestic and affectional contacts, lest there be friction and nervous tension. A child born on this day will be

ROMANTIC MASQUERADE
by MARIE BLIZARD
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SYNOPSIS
Daphne Willoughby had thrilled North Winthorpe when she eloped at 17 with Carlo Abuzzi, a concert violinist. For eight years, until his death, she lived abroad. Letters from her to Kate Dennison and other friends back home were masterpieces of romantic imagination. After Carlo's death, Daphne worked for four years with Corinne Hollis, New York decorator. Then she returned, after an absence of twelve years, to the old home town where she was welcomed as a glamorous personality. Daphne remodeled the house willed her by a cousin and hired a part-time gardener called “Steve.” A vivacious subdue, “Buff” Turner, and the latter's beau, Perry Dawson, are helping with the gardening. One day Corinne Hollis arrived with an auto-load of gay spirits from the Big City, including Alan Pembroke, architect and Daphne's ardent suitor. The hilarious rout lasted but a few hours and they departed merrily. Later Alan returned, interrupting a talk between Daphne and Steve. When the latter left, Alan lost no time. She protested his kiss but there was no annoyance in her voice. ... Two months later, the village is celebrating the Fourth of July. Daphne, Kate, and Tommy Dennison, Jr., are going to attend a picnic that afternoon. Alan is expected to visit them that evening.

CHAPTER TEN

They were crossing the street now, and her eyes settled on a group of boys in navy uniform, talking to an older man, a naval officer. Roy Gates, hands in the pockets of his duck trousers, and eyes wistful, stood on the outer edge of the group.

“Look at Roy Gates,” Daphne directed.
“What about it?”
“He wants to enlist now, I think,” said Daphne.

“Well, he can't, because—”
Kate's explanation was cut short when she had to rescue her second oldest Tommy from dangerous proximity to an over-sized fire-cracker.

Lucy Upham tooted the horn on her car. “Come on you two. We're waiting for you. The boys want a swim before lunch. Bill put all the hampers in your car, Daphne. You're coming with us. It's going to be a grand picnic.”

Daphne got into the seat with Lucy, determined to shake off the feeling of doom that pervaded her.

It was a grand picnic, a typical one. The water was too cold, the sun too hot, but nobody minded. There were cows who came to inspect the lunch, and ants, and mosquitoes. Lucy's son got a nail in his heel; Susan Fiske found a small snake and put it in a lunch hamper, and her mother fainted when she found it. True Fennell sprained a finger playing baseball, and

Daphne got a burn when she tried to rescue a hamburger, but the picnic was a success.

At sundown children were rounded up, hampers repacked, and the party moved back to its various homes to put children to bed, change clothes, and reappear at the Dennisons' for Kate's annual summer party. There would be an outdoor supper, dancing on the brick terrace, refreshments in the rumpus room.

Daphne — famed in hometown legend as a girl who had danced at the courts of Europe, in ballrooms, casinos and on the decks of yachts — was donning an evening dress. The transition made her feel as though she were seventeen again, the years slipping away when she had slipped the filmy dress over her shoulders.

She broke a sprig of white stock from a stalk in the bowl on her dressing-table in Kate's spare room and tucked it in her hair, but when Kate came to tell her that Tommy had gone to meet Alan's train, she took it out again.

“It's cute. Leave it there,” Kate advised.

“Too coy, I'm afraid,” Daphne said. She meant it was too dangerous, with Alan in the offing. It was becoming increasingly difficult to keep from being swept away by Alan's ardor.

The first carload of guests arrived and Kate went off, leaving Daphne to finish her dressing.

For some time Daphne sat on the bed with a slipper in her hand, pursuing the train of thought that had begun when she read young Roy's heart in his eyes hours before.

The Gates' boy would like to enlist but he was the sole support of his elderly mother. ... The thought of the extra rooms in her little house, unshared, kept coming into her mind. Mrs. Gates was sixty, too proud to take charity, unable to find a position as a housekeeper. No one needed a housekeeper, least of all Daphne Willoughby Abuzzi. But ... But Daphne had a faithful feeling that sooner, or later, Mrs. Gates would be ensconced in Daphne's west bedroom. “I'll have to find a place for her,” she decided, putting the flower back in her hair.

Once you start letting people into your life, there is no stopping the tide. There'd be all sorts of other people who were in trouble and needed help. First thing you know, you got to worrying about their troubles and they become part of you. They're bound to you, and you to them. Then goodbye to the beautiful detachment that makes life so graceful. Goodbye to this new-found feeling of security against the hurts that you can only escape when you refuse to let yourself be touched intimately by others' suffering.

No, no, Daphne thought, she couldn't risk following such a fine sense of duty. Affection for people like Kate and Tommy, and her

other friends, was all that she could afford. No one was going to threaten her new peace by attacking her emotions with pity or ... “Or anything at all,” she said aloud, hearing Alan's voice below her window.

She sprayed crepe de chine on her hair, ran a moist finger over her eye-brows, and went downstairs to meet him, conscious of how pretty she looked.

It happened early in the evening at a most unromantic moment. The moon wasn't even up. There wasn't a note of soft music, and Alan, like everyone else at Kate's party, was eating an ear of corn. Someone had tied a napkin around his neck.

At that moment an arrow, tipped with a question, shot into Daphne's mind. *Am I falling in love with him?* It had come out of nowhere. She'd just happened to look up and see Alan with the napkin being tied around his neck, and a look of pure delight on his face when he bit into the succulent corn. Then all sorts of things happened to her. The past (that was Carlo) and the present (which was the three months she'd known Alan) fused and set up a welter of confusion in her mind.

Never had she looked upon Carlo with this kind of aching tenderness that was there just because Alan had that boyish look on his face. It was this quality, irresistible, that made her suddenly yearn to run her fingers through his nice, crisp blond hair, that made her feel a little thrilled by his masculine nearness. It was an appeal that she recognized as dangerous.

Daphne pulled her eyes away from him and took a plate of watermelon from Hank Upham. Talking to Hank about the difficulties of getting an oil burner installed, the cost of hard coal, and the joys of a pot-bellied stove, her thoughts hewed straight to the line of her problem.

If Daphne thought she was falling in love with Alan, she'd see that she talked herself out of that in a hurry. Alan wasn't the kind of a man she'd marry, if she wanted to marry again. He was young (a year younger than herself), and he would always be young. The kind of man who doesn't grow up. It was fun now to be thrilled by him, but it was silly, and girlish. She'd start getting over it at once.

Well, maybe a little later. Because it wasn't any good trying when just his coming over and taking her hand got her into a state of mild but pleasant panic.

Darkness had fallen then. The lantern lights glowed in the trees, and someone had tuned the radio up. Couples were moving to the terrace for dancing.

Alan swept her into his arms and they danced to the end of the terrace. Suddenly he picked her up, and put her down on the other side of the low rail over which he stepped.

(To be continued)

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GRAB BAG

One-Minute Test
1. Was George Washington one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence?
2. How many pounds of milk does it take to make one pound of butter?
3. Why do eggs turn silverware a dark color?

Words of Wisdom
He that will learn to pray, let him go to sea.—Herbert.

Hints on Etiquette
Even if you know a close

friend's husband (or wife) is flagrantly unfaithful, do not mention it. Men and women of good taste do not like to have their private affairs talked about.

Today's Horoscope
Honest, trustworthy, constant and patient, are your most marked characteristics if today is your birthday. You are methodical and accurate in your work, punctual in your appointments, and fastidious in your dress. You are very domestic, but enjoy outside interests. You are very affectionate but not demonstrative.

In your next year beware of unexpected quarrels and/or financial reverses. Conserve your resources, avoid the law, guard against accidents, colds and chills. Some good fortune occurs. Today's child will have many fine opportunities for attaining success, employers being well disposed. A happy life is envisaged.

One-Minute Test Answers

1. No.
2. Twenty-one.
3. The sulphur content of the egg discolours the silver.

Looking Back in Pickaway County

FIVE YEARS AGO

Fire of unknown origin caused several hundred dollars damage at the 11-room residence of Orrin Birchler, Walnut township. Mr. Birchler was a tenant on the Marcus Rife property.

Approximately 125 persons attended two district activities at the First United Brethren church, about 100 attending the rally of youth of the Circleville-Chillicothe district and the others, the meeting of the Council of Administration of the conference.

All officers of the Pickaway County Agriculture society, sponsor of the annual Pumpkin Show, were reelected: W. B. Cady, president; T. D. Krinn, vice president; R. G. Colville, treasurer, and Mack D. Parrett, secretary.

10 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ward, of Charleston, W. Va., came for a few days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Austin Rader, Jackson township.

Frank Fischer was to become superintendent of Circleville schools when classes resumed January 7 after the holiday vacation.

Ira Fisher, Washington township, won second place in the International Livestock show at Chicago, Ill., with his Shropshire ram.

25 YEARS AGO

W. H. Gill, Pickaway township, purchased 117 acres of the Natoma land, near Sacramento, Calif.

D. H. Dresbach, the widely-known Dutch Jersey hog breeder, of Kingston, won nine rib-

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE
By Shepard Barclay
“The Authority on Authorities”

NO END OF END PLAYS

APPARENTLY there is no limit to the variety of lead-throwing end-plays. When an opponent is tossed in, he may have all sorts of different unpleasant options among which he can choose. Returning a low card of a certain suit may give the declarer his contract by one procedure, and a high card of the same suit will do it in another way. Still another process will be employed if the defender returns a certain other suit, and yet another if it is neither of those suits, but something else.

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♦ K J 10 6 3
♣ Q 4
♠ A 9 7
♥ Q 8 7
♦ J 10 8 6
♣ 2
♠ Q 10 9 6 5 4 2
♥ K Q 8 6
♦ 5
♣ A J 10

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable.)

South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♦ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠

Rowley W. Phillips edited his partner, J. Harlin O'Connell, himself a great end-play and squeeze specialist, on this deal during a rubber bridge tournament of the Union club in New York. Mr. Phillips put one of the fanciest finishes on the hand that has been seen in some time.

Winning the club J lead with the A, he found all sorts of gaps in the other suits, but figured out how to make even the gaps work for him. He led the diamond 5 to

the 10 to force the A, ruffed the returned club K with the spade 4, led the spade 5 to the A, scored the diamond K, discarding the heart 6, then led the heart 2 to the K and A.

There was poor West in the lead. East was due to get one more trick with the spade K, but another could not be picked up. If West returned a low diamond, the J would furnish a discard of the heart 8. If he returned the Q, South would ruff and lead the spade 2 to the 3 to force the K, leaving the 8 as an entry to use a diamond for the heart discard. If West returned a club, the heart 8 could be discarded on a ruff by the dummy. If he returned the heart J, the Q would win and the 10 be good. So he returned the heart 9, but the 10 won that, and only the spade K remained out as a winner for the defense. Anything West did would have wrecked him. It was a neat play of a gaudy hand.

Tomorrow's Problem

♠ A 9 3
♥ 9 7 5 4
♦ 7 5
♣ 8 5 2
♠ K J 10 8
♥ 7 2
♦ Q J 10
♣ K 3
♠ A 9 3
♥ 9 7 5 4
♦ 7 5
♣ 8 5 2
♠ A 9 3
♥ 9 7 5 4
♦ 7 5
♣ 8 5 2
♠ A 9 3
♥ 9 7 5 4
♦ 7 5
♣ 8 5 2

(Dealer: South. North-South vulnerable.)

If both sides are foxy, what is the slickest play to the first four tricks here, with South seeking 5 Diamonds?

at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Myers, East Franklin street.

Fossil remains, says a scientist, prove man is at least 1,000,000 years old. What was the fossil—a piece of petrified birthday cake?

WASHINGTON Report

Selection of Stettinius Not Pleasing to All Washington | Columnist Thinks Salaries Of Our Diplomats Too Low

By HELEN ESSARY
Central Press Columnist

● **WASHINGTON**—There's a curious undercurrent of talk in Washington today against the new Secretary of State Edward Stettinius, Jr.

In almost every social group in the capital—and heaven knows the war-time social groups here are more plentiful than measles in the spring—somebody will say in a low confiding tone: “Do you think Stettinius is really the man for the job?”

“Certainly. . . . Why not?”
“Well, it seems to me that he is just a rich man's son after all. And he ought not to have talked as he did to Mr. Churchill.”

Although aware of the complications of Anglo-American diplomacy, I am still not prepared to interpret the attacks on Stettinius in the manner of a certain consul recently returned from South Africa. Says this suspicious fellow:

“Don't forget that old British custom of trying to confuse the foreign officials whom they wish to control. This is a brand new U. S. state department, you know. If it is adroitly disturbed, we may have a repetition of the Cordell Hull-Summer Welles feud. And then what will happen to our diplomacy road? . . . It may find itself taking orders from the mother country.”

● **TO CURE** those ghoulish characters of the illness that is setting them to talk about “the next war,” I've this dose of medicine: Guarantee the lot a chance to serve “in the next war.” Don't limit the participation in madness to the young and the strong. The young and the strong aren't interested in war until somebody puts guns in their hands and says “kill or be killed.”



Helen Essary

There are many useful jobs for the physically unfit and those who are above the age limit. Give the swivel-chair patriots tasks like paring potatoes, scrubbing or cleaning latrines. It doesn't take physical perfection for such chores as these.

● **ON THE LIGHTER SIDE** of life, a letter from a young wife: “Since most of the men are in uniform and, according to regulations not permitted to carry bundles, and since most of the stores refuse to deliver purchases, how long do you suppose I can keep from looking like an Indian squaw as I lug packages that would break the back of a Mrs. Hercules?”

● **ANOTHER COMMUNICATION**, from a grandmother: “Thank goodness I was never a smoker. The way the cigaret lovers carry on without their smokes makes me wonder how people can have got themselves into such slavery. I know two young couples who have grown so bad-tempered and quarrelsome from having to do without cigarets that they are on the verge of divorce.”

● **AN INCREASE** in the salaries of diplomats, of members of Congress and officers of the armed forces must be a part of post-war planning. This is the belief of many thoughtful Americans.

If such an increase is not arranged by this over rich country, then the men to whom it is entrusting its government will be reduced to taking what they describe in the Far East as “kumshaw.” “Kumshaw is that extra little bit in the hand, that greasing of palm, which most Eastern, Far Eastern and South American governments expect their officials to acquire, not too honestly, in order to supplement inadequate salaries.

With mounting taxes and rising living costs, few men who have no outside incomes will dare risk public office.

Another thing, the United States government does not give its heads of missions abroad the help of an expense account for entertainment. Many other governments are more generous in this particular than our own. It is a dreadful strain on the six or seven thousand dollars a year income which many military heads receive to have to receive hospitably the visiting dremen who pour in and out of such places as Cairo and Chungking.

It would be a tragedy if the United States, which is so generous with its lend-lease, should drive its own people to corruption by a niggardly payroll route.

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—: Social Happenings - Personals - News of Interest to Women :—

Mrs. S. C. Frantz Speaks At Assembly of D. A. R.

Good Neighbor Policy Cited As Necessity

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Mrs. S. C. Frantz, state chairman of national defense, of the Ohio Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, was guest speaker Tuesday at the Christmas meeting of Pickaway Plains chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, at the home of Miss Mary Heffner, East Mound street. Mrs. Frantz, who is in charge of War work for the Ohio Society, said that the greatest thing to be accomplished by the D. A. R. was to assist this country in being good neighbors to other countries. She mentioned also that the D. A. R. had asked Congress to suspend immigration for five years after the close of the war.

She discussed the Dumbarton Oaks proposals. Mrs. Frantz stated that the D. A. R. should stand for reconstruction in education, rehabilitation and conservation in the post-war world. She concluded with the admonition that the D. A. R. members should be on the alert and help to prepare a peace that would be a lasting peace.

About 30 members and guests were present for the affair. Mrs. Charles H. May, chapter regent, opened the session in regular form. Mrs. Orion King serving as chaplain in the absence of Mrs. Helen Black Anderson. Mrs. Will Mack read minutes of the October and November meetings and Miss Elsie Jewell, treasurer, reported.

The society voted a gift of \$10 to help refurbish the living room at St. Mary's high school for Indian girls at Springfield, South Dakota, in honor of Mrs. J. E. Kinney, national chairman of Indian affairs.

The musical program presented by Mrs. James P. Moffitt included two duets, "Waltz of the Flowers" and "I Love a Little Cottage," Mrs. Harold Deffenbaugh and Mrs. Dudley Carpenter, with Miss Abbe Mills Clarke as piano accompanist; solo, "The Angel Song," Mrs. Carpenter; two solos, "Cantique de Noel" and "Virgin's Lullaby," Mrs. Deffenbaugh, Mrs. Carpenter and Mrs. Moffitt. Mrs. Charles A. Dresbach presented a Christmas reading.

Mrs. Donald H. Watt reported that nine layette blankets for the Red Cross had been completed and returned. Mrs. Watt asked that all others be returned by February 1. Miss Marie Hamilton presented her report on Mountain Schools and asked donations of clothing and other useful articles to be made in January and February.

Mrs. R. R. Bales, registrar, made her monthly report.

Light refreshments were served from a tea table having an attractive Christmas setting.

Miss Heffner was assisted by Miss Florence Dunton, Mrs. George H. Spangler, Mrs. Charles Pugsley, Mrs. L. T. Shaner, Mrs. James Adams, Miss Mary Spangler and Mrs. Leslie D. May.

D. U. V.
Daughters of Union Veterans enjoyed a fine meeting and Christmas party Tuesday in the Post room, Memorial hall. A representative group was present.

The lovely decorations and plans for the party were in charge of Mrs. E. L. Tolbert, Mrs. Lulu H. Crayne, Mrs. Frank Webb and Mrs. Cora Coffland.

Mrs. C. O. Kerns, patriotic instructor, arranged the program that included the story of the Christ Child from St. Luke, presented by Mrs. Charles Stofor, and Christmas carols by the group, led by Miss Peggy Parks with Mrs. James Pierce as pianist.

Circle 1
Circle 1 of the W. S. C. S. had its Christmas party Tuesday at the home of Mrs. L. S. Lytle, North Pickaway street. Mrs. Lee Winks, of near Ashville, was a guest.

Mrs. Harold Pontius led the business meeting and Miss Mattie Gearhart was in charge of the devotionals. Mrs. Vaden Couch led group singing of Christmas Carols.

Miss Reba Lee read the editorial, "Is There a Santa Claus," and Mrs. Hal Dean presented a humorous reading, "Let 'em Off." An exchange of gifts was followed by refreshments served by Mrs. Lytle, assisted by Mrs. C. R. Barn-

MOVIES' SMARTEST BLONDE?

At 18 Super-Talented June Haver Has Chance to Star in Three Mediums: As Film Actress, Musician and Composer

By WILLIAM RUTLEDGE III
Central Press Correspondent

HOLLYWOOD, Cal.—With a "genius" I. Q. of 163 the diminutive June Haver offered her varied talents to a movie studio last spring. The testing department was skeptical but she came highly recommended. After the test had been taken and unreel before the talent executives she was bluntly told that for a girl of 18, she looked like 15 or younger and would not be convincing as a mature romantic interest.

Her sister, Dorothy, who had been studying designing, took charge at this point and insisted that she could make June appear to be a grownup girl. The program consisted of four steps:

- 1—A distinctive up-swept hair-do that was becoming.
- 2—Higher heeled shoes to add height to her five feet.
- 3—A dress with a slightly higher waistline to emphasize the optical illusion of more height.
- 4—Earrings for a touch of sophistication.

This summer, a few weeks after her 18th birthday on June 10, June reported for another screen test. The talent executives gulped with surprise. She was ready for a lead part.

One of the three "teen-agers" starred in "Home in Indiana," she was cast as a sophisticated, upish young lady of wealth in contrast to Jeanne Crain and Lon McCallister, both simple and rustic youngsters of the thoroughbred breeding farms, which provided the background for the movie.

When Damon Runyon, producer at the studio, was casting his biographical musical of Ernest Ball, he picked June for the role of the plucky little Irish girl of show business who inspired the composer and later became his wife.

Pianist and Singer
In this role June depicted a girl of few advantages, who came up the hard way to the top, with the occasional use of a left jab.

June came to Beverly Hills at the age of 13 with a solid reputation as a singer and pianist in the Ohio river country. Ted Fio-Rito, who had first featured Betty Grable, gave her the role as his feminine vocalist.

After two years of piano lessons at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, the tow-headed prodigy of seven played as guest pianist Her-

rendition was Haydn's Surprise Symphony, presented by the Cincinnati Civic orchestra; although few in the audience knew that she was playing in a specially propped up chair.

At the age of 10 June sang on the radio. A business man heard her voice and liked it so much that he had a program organized around her as its regular star. June's parents would not allow her to skip on her education. The family moved to Beverly Hills, confident that she was star material for the movies. In high school she found another outlet for her talents in oratory.

June surprised even her own family when she wrote, "Don't Weep, America," and delivered it in such a style that she won first honors in a walk in the Los Angeles Interscholastic Debating Meet.

"Ever Since Eve" was the high school play and June won the lead without much effort. The promise of her acting prompted a studio talent executive to suggest that she apply for a screen test.

Miss Haver's "genius" I. Q. has found expression in the composition of two songs. The 18-year-old starlet has written, "Shooting Stars" and "You Had to Be Mine," which have rated national exploitation.

Close to Her Family
As smart as she is, June still keeps her family in the picture. The studios generally do not approve of dotting mothers haunting the sets on which their daughters are appearing. But in the case of her mother, the officials do not mind. She consults with her parents on personal and business matters.

Sister Dorothy's reward has been a place at her side in the many activities which her place in the spotlight necessitate.



I. Q. 163—Brains, goodies of 'em, can go with beauty, lovely blond June Haver, motion picture starlet, proves with an intelligence quotient touching genius.

A few other personal statistics to complete this introduction: Her father is a draftsman at one of the aircraft plants. She was born in Rock Island, Ill. Her younger sister, 15-year-old Evelyn, is head drum major at the Beverly Hills high school.

An even hundred pounds in weight she is rugged enough to hold her own in several sports, with her preferences running to tennis, swimming and horseback riding.

She says she hopes to become an actress of Helen Hayes caliber. To Hollywood observers she looks like another Marion Davies coming back to the screen.

ATLANTA

Mrs. Wendell Tarbill was an overnight guest Monday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sherman, of Columbus.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Steffan and son, Faye, of Columbus, were Monday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Reisinger.

Mrs. Byron Stinson, of New Holland, visited Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Coyt Willis.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Binns and Miss Leah Binns entertained the following guests to dinner at the home Sunday: Mrs. Herman Randall, Roy Binns, and Mr. and Mrs. George Clemans and daughter, Carol, of London.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Tarbill and sons visited Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wright and daughters.

Ralph Fox of Los Angeles, California and Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Fox of Columbus were luncheon guests last Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fox and son Roger.

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were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steiff and sons, of Columbus.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Hiser and son, Dick, of Clarksburg, visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Willis. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hughes, of Clarksburg, were evening visitors at the Willis home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Farmer and daughter, Shirley, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. John Farmer, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey Dean, of Clarksburg, and Miss Doris Dean and Robert Wood, of Circleville, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Dean.

Miss Esther Eldick, of Buena Vista, and Forrest Lykins, of Frankfort, were Monday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Chrisman and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ankrom and daughter, Carol, of New Holland, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wright and daughters, Evelyn and Sandra, were Monday evening shoppers in Columbus.

Harry and Bryce Briggs, of Circleville, were Sunday evening supper guests of their sister, Mrs. Coyt Willis.

The P. T. A. will meet Tuesday evening December 19 at the school auditorium. At this time a Christmas program will be presented by the school.

The regular meeting of the W. S. C. S. will be held Wednesday December 20 at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Marie McGhee. Members are asked to bring ten cent gifts for the annual gift exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. John Farmer Jr. were Friday shopping visitors in Washington, C. H.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morris Sr., of Washington C. H. and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Morris visited Sunday with the former's daughter, Mrs. Harry Irvin of Dayton, who

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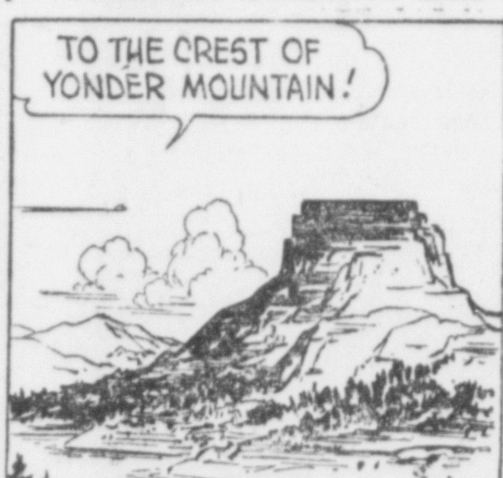
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By R. J. SCOTT

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months, Kay Kyser and the "Col-

lege of Musical Knowledge" will

ride the "Bandwagon" when they

appear as guests on the "Band-

wagon's" Christmas Eve broad-

cast, December 24.

ness he has never cracked a joke!

Accurate terminology for Ab-

bott's profession is "straight-

man." More than half of Bud's

career has been spent as Comedian

Lou Costello's partner.

"Star For a Night," a one-time

feature giving amateurs a chance

to emote opposite stars, is being

packaged for the vaudeville cir-

cuits.

Hitler can't sleep nights—news

item. Probably lies awake trying

to figure out if there was anything

he did that was right.

A record sale of Christmas

greeting cards is reported. This

reminds Zedek Dumbkopf he'd

better start looking for that list

of addresses he misplaced last

Dec. 26.

On The Air

Table with 2 columns: Time and Program.

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Councilmen Play Santa Claus To Local Property Owners

SEWER RENTAL DROPPED FOR FIRST QUARTER

Bonus Also Voted For Employees, Providing Cash In 1945

City councilmen played Santa Claus to Circleville property owners at the last regularly scheduled 1944 meeting Tuesday night.

Members of council passed an ordinance which provides for one free quarter of sewer rental for all except industrial users. The free period will be the first quarter of 1945. Councilman Don Mason opposed the ordinance, stating he was in favor of a reduction of rates instead of a bonus quarter. He said he believed the rates for filling stations, restaurants and homes were too high.

Four appropriation ordinances were passed and an ordinance providing for bonuses for city employees.

The new bonus setup provides for \$5 a month more in 1945 than received during 1944. Firemen will receive a \$20 a month bonus and the fire chief, \$15. Policemen, including the chief, will receive \$15. Sewage disposal workers will receive \$15 a month.

An appropriation of \$80 was voted for the city health department to provide funds for medicines used in the inoculation and immunization of school children.

City Solicitor Joe Adkins was voted \$121 for incidentals and expenses.

Council appropriated \$15.05 to pay Kenneth Baldwin, Town street, for a washing machine motor to replace one damaged when a sewer backed up into the basement of his home several weeks ago.

An additional appropriation of \$100 was made to pay salaries in the police department.

Councilmen also heard financial reports by Councilman George Crites and excused Councilman Ray Cook, the only absentee.

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

ONE MINUTE PULPIT

Refuse profane and old wives' fables and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.—I Timothy 4:7.

Daily Bible Reading, Psalm 51.

Mrs. Mary Ruth Owens Siegwald of Circleville will receive a certificate of graduate nurse at the Autumn convocation at Ohio State university Thursday afternoon.

The Elks Club will sponsor their annual Christmas games party, Wednesday, December 20, beginning at 8:30. Everyone invited.

George Steeley, East Main street, who suffered a hip fracture in a fall on ice, was removed Tuesday to Mt. Carmel hospital, Columbus, for treatment.

Mrs. C. E. Baker, recovering after surgery at St. Anthony hospital, Columbus, was removed Tuesday to her home near East Ringgold.

The primary department of the Methodist Sunday school will practice for the Christmas program Thursday, December 21, after school.

Private and Mrs. Russell George, 209 West High street, are parents of a son born Wednesday at 12:16 a. m. in Berger hospital.

Regular meeting of the Pickaway County Farmers' and Sportsmen's association, planned for Thursday, has been postponed until sometime in January. Secretary Fred Colville announced Wednesday.

Mrs. Marjorie Sams and baby daughter, South Court street, were released Tuesday from Berger hospital and removed home.

Rotary club members will have a Christmas meeting Thursday at 11:45 a. m. at the Pickaway Arms.

Boys planning to apply for the Army Specialized Training Reserve program must do so before

SALESMEN, ON "ROAD" AGAIN, FEELING PULSE OF NATION'S POST-WAR NEEDS AND DESIRES

By BERT H. DAVIS
Central Press Correspondent
BALTIMORE, Md.—"Have I come around too soon?" asks Fred Grant, salesman calling on home furnishers between Richmond and Newark.

Grant carries a ring-binder portfolio of glossy prints that show the post-war household appliances a Detroit manufacturer will produce. Moulded plywood and small allotments of metal went into the original models that sat for these portraits.

Grant cannot ship samples, cannot make delivery promises. But he talks in terms of the household buying of next fall and especially Christmas 1945 markets—subject to the progress of war in Europe.

"It's a loose-leaf 'show book' because the line isn't fixed and final," Grant told me, as we sat on bags in the aisle of a Washington to New York train.

It is the jam in trains and hotels, the 20-minute wait for a taxi, the crowds lining up to buy sandwiches in the noon hour, that make the Michigan factory's representative wonder if he came around "too soon." For buyers for the stores seem eager to see him.

"The fact that I haven't samples to ship and not even a 'tooled up' product to sell isn't bothering merchants," he remarked.

"The buyers I've been seeing show a definite preference for getting away from the pre-war model without going into something that will look too much like 'dream merchandise.'"

"Washing machines and vacuum cleaners can follow the old principles of operation if the manufacturer makes the right use of new lines, up-to-date material, and compact, space-saving discoveries."

"I hear lots of questions about 'How much space will this take?' War-time crowding—and around Baltimore especially—the influence of trailer homes makes people shy away from parts and pieces that look overzealous."

"Of course, I'm not showing my glossies to the general public but to store buyers—and let me tell you, the buyers are all primed for what the people expect in that first six months' supply of post-war appliances."

More Babies Than Ever
One of Grant's pictured "numbers" is a storage cabinet, made of elaborately treated plywood. The product is presented as sturdy like a metal case, smooth in surfaces inside and out, and noise-proof.

"No clang or click when you close the door?" repeated a Trenton buyer. "That's great! Of course, your designer must have recognized that the servicemen setting up housekeeping is going to think of quiet as one of the chief comforts of peace. One of war's most acute discomforts, as everybody knows, is raw, nerve-jangling noise."

Designing home comforts to ease the torn nerves and strained muscles of ex-servicemen is a part of reconversion that couldn't be delayed past V-E Day.

December 31, it was announced Wednesday at Fort Hayes. Boys of pre-induction age who meet the requirements for college acceptance by March 1, 1945, and will be available for assignment at that time, may apply at Fort Hayes.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Barnes, Mt. Sterling, are parents of a daughter born Sunday in Doctors hospital, Columbus.

Miss Marvane Howard, of North Scioto street, suffered a fracture of her right arm, just above the wrist, in a fall on ice Monday in Columbus.

There is a species of trap-door spider, native of India, Australia, Africa and South America, that is said actually to kill small birds and suck their blood. It is the largest of all spiders.

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FUTURES IN SELF-SERVICE?—The merchant of tomorrow studies today how you and your fellow war workers react to market basket buying and mobile shop systems which have been set up during emergency.

Not all tomorrow's requirements of fighting men turned civilians had to be guessed at. Grant's house has been in touch with former employees and customers overseas, and the "home work" of fox-hole tenants is included in the sketches and rough specifications for post-war home equipment.

"And the extent of that veteran-and-wife market is almost beyond belief," added Fred Grant. "In the last two years there were nearly four million marriages, perhaps a third more than the normal number."

"In four years between six and seven million couples started out together. But not in the sense of setting up housekeeping together. A large proportion of the seven million haven't bought their furniture or their linen and dishes or their housekeeping equipment."

"Every boatload of returning veterans is going to give one more healthy bump to the household furnishings market."

"What these new families will buy in the first year, of all that's then available, is anybody's guess. Store buyers believe they know a good part of the answer—but the buyers don't have anything like an identical analysis. I have given up picking the winners as between stoves and refrigerators, radios and cleaners, rugs and curtains."

"You see, we don't know where they'll live nor on what scale. The variables are as tremendous as the market itself. Baltimore says it can hold on to its newcomers from the west and north but the best guess is that many of its southern whites from small towns will go back home. Washington buyers make few guesses."

"There are completely different ideas on opposite sides of the street in Wilmington and Richmond."

"Newark and Philadelphia say they will lose fewer families than they get, when the war plants shift products and the servicemen come back."

The "scarcity" market among families who have been in the same town right along is more easily planned for, but the service brides and bridegrooms have many a merchant puzzled.

No Nerve-Jangling Noises
"Three million babies will be born this year," figures from Washington recently informed merchandisers. "Four years ago the new arrivals numbered 2,360,599."

"Commerce and industry will recognize that babies are important consumers, and they often shift the center of family buying from adult garments to furniture, from amusements to enlarged living quarters, from pop and sundae to milk and cereal."

GI Joe told Fortune's questioners that his homecoming purchases would be first, a car; then, home furnishings; later, a home.

Servicemen's wives put the same post-war wants in a different order: furnishings for the home in top place; then, new home; later, a car.

"My customer's bet," said Grant, "is on the little woman."

Along the war-crammed routes of travel Fred begins to see some familiar faces. Other traveling men are joining him in the struggle for rooms and meals and a scant third of a taxi's rear seat.

Some of them spent months and even years in the shops since they last patronized the shoeshine boys around the Philadelphia city hall.

GENERAL FUND OF CITY SHOWN AS \$12,469.32

The city's general fund showed a balance of \$12,469.32 and balances were reported in all other city funds in the financial report submitted to council Tuesday night.

Balances in other funds are: sewage disposal, \$14,620.06; library, \$1,469.12; auto street repair, \$5,628.44; gas tax fund, \$2,527.49; hospital, \$2,838.66.

Parking meter collections for November totaled \$557.51.

County and city poor relief cost for November was \$1,267.83. The city's share was \$623.99. To date the city owes the county \$1,044.24.

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NEWS Behind the NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

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problem is, there is a chance of solution.

The fuss in the senate over new State department appointees reflects no distrust with the announced policy of the Stettinius regime for free determination. In fact, the whole affair was started by two newspapers. They turned two senators around. Pennsylvania's Senator Guffey and New York's Wagner had voted in the foreign relations committee approving the Stettinius assistants. Then a New Deal paper in Philadelphia erupted against them, as did a New York paper of the same preference. Guffey changed his mind, organized the contest to send them back to committee, and Wagner joined in, although the surprise of his changed viewpoint was so great, Foreign Relations Chairman Connally unprecedently walked down the aisle, shook a finger in Wagner's nose and asked the senator if he was conscious of how he had just then voted. Justice and custom required hearings by the committee anyway, in order that the senate intelligently perform its confirming duty (Senator LaFollette's position from the beginning.)

Thus it is becoming plain a great degree of unity on foreign policy can be maintained in this country if the policy genuinely favors freedom of electoral choice in European nations, and is not compromised by underhandedly or timidly aiding the Russians against the British or vice versa, or blinding our public from the realization that these are the forces involved in the present struggle in occupied countries.

Indeed, a strong policy along that line might awaken hope in the world. Otherwise there will have to be a division of spheres of influence and a permanent conflict to maintain them.

Stalin once said: "Words must have no relation to actions—otherwise what kind of diplomacy? Words are one thing, actions another. . . . Sincere diplomacy is no more possible than dry water or

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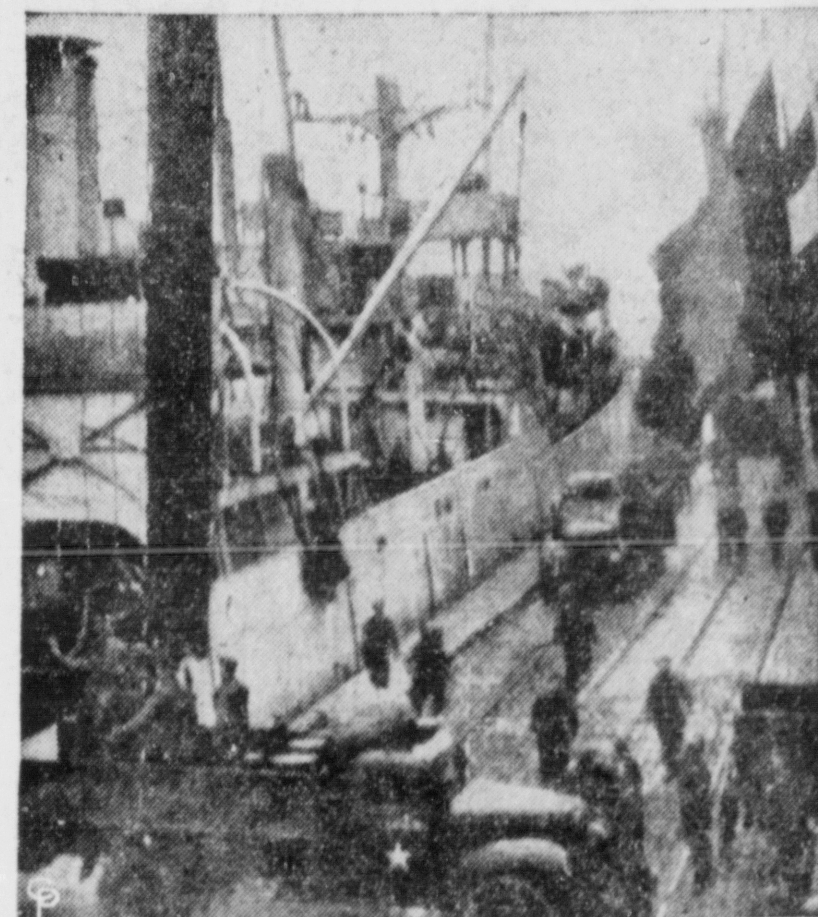
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wooden iron." You must watch the action in Europe more than the words in the pacts that have been and will be written.

VETERANS AT OSU

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